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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE , APRIL 28, 1994

1. BELOW IS GUIDANCE AND STATEMENTS ON SOUTH AFRICA AND
RWANDA.

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2. SOUTH AFRICA: STATEMENT--ATTACK ON JOURNALIST

STATEMENT BY CHRISTINE SHELLY, ACTING SPOKESMAN

THE NEW YORK DAILY NEWS HAS INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT OF
STATE THAT ONE OF ITS REPORTERS WAS ATTACKED AND BEATEN
TODAY, APRIL 28, AT RUSTENBURG, NEAR JOHANNESBURG, AS HE
ATTENDED A POLITICAL RALLY ORGANIZED BY THE AWB (AFRIKANER
RESISTANCE MOVEMENT). THE PRESS WAS INVITED TO THE EVENT
BY THE AWB, AND THE DAILY NEWS REPORTER WAS ONE OF A LARGE
NUMBER OF JOURNALISTS IN ATTENDANCE. THE REPORTER AND TWO
FEMALE COLLEAGUES FROM THE DAILY NEWS, BOTH OF WHOM WERE
ERBALLY HARASSED AT THE RALLY, WERE VIRTUALLY THE ONLY

BLACK JOURNALISTS PRESENT. THE CIRCUMSTANCES SUGGEST
THAT THE UNPROVOKED ASSAULT WAS RACIALLY MOTIVATED.

THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS TO COVER SOUTH AFRICAN POLITICAL
EVENTS IS CRUCIAL TO THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS, AND THE
UNITED STATES DEPLORES ANY ACTIONS WHICH INHIBIT THAT
FREEDOM.

WE CONDEMN IN THE STRONGEST TERMS THIS UNPROVOKED ATTACK
ON THE DAILY NEWS JOURNALIST. THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME
THE AWB HAS BEEN ACCUSED OF REPUGNANT RACIAL ACTS. THE

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.S. EMBASSY IN PRETORIA HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO ASCERTAIN
ALL THE FACTS, INCLUDING WHETHER SECURITY FORCES WERE
PRESENT AT THE TIME OF THE ATTACK, SO THAT APPROPRIATE
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ACTION CAN BE UNDERTAKEN.

3. SOUTH AFRICA: AF - EXTENSION OF VOTING/US PERSPECTIVE
OF ELECTIONS/ELECTION RELATED VIOLENCE

Q: HAS ANY DECISION BEEN MADE TO EXTEND VOTING TO FRIDAY?

A: WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL
COMMISSION EARLIER TODAY RECOMMENDED TO THE TRANSITIONAL
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL THAT VOTING BE EXTENDED THROUGH FRIDAY
'APRIL 29 IN SIX OF THE FORMER HOMELANDS THAT HAVE
EXPERIENCED SERIOUS LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS IN CARRYING OUT
VOTING DURING THE SCHEDULED APRIL 26-28 BALLOTING PERIOD.

THE IEC HOPES THAT BY CONCENTRATING ALL OF ITS RESOURCES
IN THESE AREAS FRIDAY, THOSE RESIDENTS WHO HAVE NOT YET
BEEN ABLE TO VOTE WILL BE ABLE TO DO SO. IF THE TEC
AGREES WITH THE IEC RECOMMENDATION, THE FINAL DECISION
OULD BE MADE BY PRESIDENT DE KLERK.

FYI: FORMER HOMELANDS WERE KWAZULU, CISKEI, TRANSKEI,
VENDA, GAZANKULU AND LEBOWA

Q: HAS THERE BEEN ANY MORE ELECTION-RELATED VIOLENCE IN
SOUTH AFRICA?

A: WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY MAJOR ELECTION-RELATED
VIOLENCE IN THE LAST 24 HOURS.

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Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE BOMBING AT THE
JOHANNESBURG AIRPORT?

A: WE CONDEMN IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS THE
COWARDLY BOMB ATTACK YESTERDAY AT JAN SMUTS AIRPORT
OUTSIDE JOHANNESBURG. THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR BRUTAL ACTS
OF TERROR MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO IMPEDE SOUTH AFRICA'S
HISTORIC TRANSFORMATION. WE URGE AN AGGRESSIVE
INVESTIGATION INTO THIS AND OTHER ACTS OF TERROR TO ENSURE

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THE CULPRITS ARE BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE.

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE ARREST OF 32 INDIVIDUALS IMPLICATED IN THE BOMBINGS PRIOR TO THE ELECTIONS?

A: THE SERIES OF BOMB ATTACKS IN SOUTH AFRICA PRIOR TO THE ELECTIONS KILLED 21 PEOPLE AND INJURED NEARLY 200 MORE. THESE ACTS OF TERROR WERE DESIGNED TO INTIMIDATE VOTERS, BUT HAVE CLEARLY FAILED TO DISSUADE THE VAST MAJORITY OF SOUTH AFRICANS OF ALL RACES WHO REMAIN DETERMINED TO SUPPORT THE TRANSITION TO A NONRACIAL DEMOCRACY.

THE 32 INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED YESTERDAY BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN AUTHORITIES ARE ALLEGED TO HAVE LINKS WITH WHITE EXTREMIST GROUPS. WE URGE THE AUTHORITIES TO CONTINUE THEIR AGGRESSIVE INVESTIGATION OF THESE INCIDENTS SO THAT THOSE GUILTY OF THESE BRUTAL ACTS CAN BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE.

Q: HOW ARE THE ELECTIONS GOING? WHAT ARE YOUR PERSPECTIVES ON BALLOTING PROBLEMS?

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A: AS THE ELECTION HAS PROGRESSED, THE FOCUS OF THE NATIONAL DEBATE IN SOUTH AFRICA HAS SHIFTED AWAY FROM THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF VIOLENCE AND INTIMIDATION TO CONCERNS ABOUT THE LOGISTICAL ASPECTS AND MECHANICS OF THE ELECTORAL PROCESS. ADMINISTRATIVE GLITCHES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONDUCT OF SOUTH AFRICA'S FIRST NON-RACIAL ELECTIONS HAVE OCCURRED. HOWEVER, THE INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION (IEC) IS RESPONDING WITH PRACTICAL AND CONCRETE STEPS TO ADDRESS THESE PROBLEMS.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE AND PRAISE THE EFFORTS OF THE IEC AND OTHERS WHO UNDER DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES ARE WORKING HARD TO ENSURE THE PROPER CONDUCT OF THE ELECTIONS.

Q: WHAT IS YOUR REACTION TO CALLS TO EXTEND VOTING TO A FOURTH DAY?

A: THIS IS A MATTER FOR THE INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION TO DECIDE.

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5. RWANDA: AF - STATEMENT

STATEMENT BY CHRISTINE SHELLY, ACTING SPOKESMAN

THE UNITED STATES STRONGLY CONDEMNS THE MASSACRES THAT
HAVE LEFT AT LEAST 100,000 CIVILIANS DEAD SINCE VIOLENCE

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BEGAN IN RWANDA ON APRIL 7. WE CALL ON THE GOVERNMENT AND
MILITARY LEADERS IN RWANDA TO DO EVERYTHING IN THEIR POWER
TO BRING AN IMMEDIATE END TO THESE SAVAGE ACTS. THE
GOVERNMENT MUST MAKE IT CLEAR TO ALL RWANDANS THAT ATTACKS
ON CIVILIANS ARE UNACCEPTABLE AND WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.

AT THE SAME TIME, WE STRONGLY URGE THE GOVERNMENT AND THE
RWANDAN PATRIOTIC FRONT (RPF) TO AGREE IMMEDIATELY ON A
CEASEFIRE-IN-PLACE AND A RETURN TO NEGOTIATIONS ON
IMPLEMENTING THE <<ARUSHA>> <<PEACE>> <<ACCORD>>. WE CALL ON ALL
PARTIES TO GUARANTEE THE PROTECTION OF DISPLACED PERSONS
AND REFUGEES INSIDE RWANDA AND TO ASSURE SAFE PASSAGE FOR
HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE.

THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTS THE EFFORTS OF THE ORGANIZATION
OF AFRICAN UNITY (OAU) -- AS WELL AS THOSE OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF TANZANIA AS FACILITATOR OF THE ARUSHA
NEGOTIATIONS -- TO END THE BLOODSHED IN RWANDA AND RESTORE
THE PEACE PROCESS. WE ARE WORKING WITH THE OAU AND
AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS TO BRING BOTH SIDES TO THE NEGOTIATING
TABLE. WE ARE IN CONTACT WITH ALL SIDES IN THE CONFLICT
AND ARE URGING THEM TO END THE CIVILIAN KILLINGS,
REESTABLISH A CEASEFIRE, AND RETURN TO NEGOTIATIONS.

6. RWANDA: IO - PEACE EFFORTS

Q. PLEASE PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF
PEACE EFFORTS IN THE U.N.

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A. THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL ADOPTED A
RESOLUTION ON THE UNITED NATIONS ASSISTANCE MISSION FOR
RWANDA ON APRIL 21 THAT CONDEMNS THE VIOLENCE IN RWANDA
AND THE ATTACKS AGAINST CIVILIANS AND THE UN PEACEKEEPING
FORCE. IT ALSO DEMANDS AN IMMEDIATE CESSATION OF THE

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FIGHTING AND AUTHORIZES THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S SPECIAL
REPRESENTATIVE AND THE UN FORCE COMMANDER TO MEDIATE

BETWEEN THE PARTIES TO BRING ABOUT A CEASEFIRE AND AN
END TO THE VIOLENCE.

SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES BOTH THE SECRETARY
GENERAL'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND THE UN FORCE
COMMANDER HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE PARTIES IN
ATTEMPTING TO BRING AN END TO THE VIOLENCE.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL WILL MEET AGAIN THIS AFTERNOON TO
DISCUSS THE SITUATION IN RWANDA.

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